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SUBJ: PRESS INQUIRY ON GDR PORT ACCESS

1. IN A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION, DECEMBER 1, MIKE BYRNE OF THE BALTIMORE SUN IN BONN SAID HIS EDITORS HAD ASKED HIM TO CHECK OUT THE STORY THAT THE GDR HAD "BALKED" AT ALLOWING US SHIPPING TO CALL AT GDR PORTS, JEOPARDIZING THE US PORT CALL ARRANGEMENT. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT RECIPROCAL ACCESS IS A CONDITION OF US PERMISSION, AND WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY DIFFICULTIES ON THIS SCORE. IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT THERE IS NO REGULATION ON THE GDR BOOKS THAT WOULD PRECLUDE VISITS BY US SHIPPING TO EAST GERMAN PORTS.

2. BYRNE LINKED GDR GRAIN PURCHASES WITH US PORT VISIT PERMISSION, REFERRING TO REPORTS IN THOSE TERMS CITING STATE DEPARTMENT SOURCES. EMBOFF SAID HE HAD SEEN PRESS REPORTS, BUT HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY DEPARTMENT BRIEFING IN TERMS THAT LINKED THE TWO MATTERS.

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3. BYRNE ASKED IF US SHIPS HAD CALLED IN THE
GDR TO WHICH EMBOFF REPLIED NOT TO EMBASSY'S
KNOWLEDGE. EMBOFF THEN BRIEFED ON GDR'S GRAIN
IMPORT PRACTICE, WHICH HAS BEEN TO PURCHASE THROUGH
WEST GERMAN COMMODITY HOUSES FOR DELIVERY TO HAMBURG,
CONTINUING INTO THE GDR BY RAIL.POLANSKY

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